



RURAL DISTRICT OF WINSLOW.

REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

SANITARY INSPECTOR

1937.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT, WINSLOW,
for the year 1937.

Statistics and Social Conditions of Area.

Area (in acres) of Winslow District, 36,260.
Population estimated 1937, 6,512.
Number of inhabited Houses (end of 1937) according to Rate Books 2080.
Rateable Value £26,180.
Sum represented by penny rate, £104.
The District is principally Agricultural.

Extract of Vital Statistics for the year 1937.

Live Births.	Total 68.				
			Total.	Males.	Females.
Legitimate	...	...	65	33	32
Illegitimate	...	...	3	3	—
Still Births.	Total 4.				
Legitimate	...	...	...	2	2
Illegitimate	...	...	...	—	—
Birth Rate per Thousand Births 10·4.					
Deaths.	Total 96.	Male 45.	Female 51.		
Death Rate per Thousand 14·7.					
Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis.		None.			
Death rate for Infants under 1 year of age.					
Total 2.	Legitimate 2.	Illegitimate None.			
Death Rate per Thousand Births 29·4.					
Deaths from Measles.		None.			
„	„ Whooping Cough.	None.			
„	„ Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age).	None.			
„	„ Cancer (all ages).	14.			

Public Health Officers of the Authority.

consist of one part-time Medical Officer of Health and a whole-time Sanitary Inspector (M.I.M., CY. E.), A.M.I.S.E., M.I.B.E., C.R.S.I.
Two Medical Practitioners act as Medical Officers for the Authority under the Poor Law Acts as Public Vaccinators.

Laboratory Facilities.

Any clinical material for examination or analysis is sent to the Clinical Research Association, London.

Ambulance Facilities.

- (a) For Non-Infectious cases and accidents. None within the District, the nearest being at Buckingham, Bletchley and Aylesbury.
- (b) For Infectious Cases (apart from Small Pox) an Ambulance is supplied by the Grove Fever Hospital.
- (c) For Small Pox Cases, an Ambulance is kept at the Small Pox Hospital at Woughton, near Fenny Stratford.

Nursing in the Home.

- (a) GENERAL NURSING. In Winslow and all the villages within the District a District Nurse can be called in to all except infectious cases.
- (b) INFECTIOUS CASES. No provision is made for the Nursing of infectious cases in their homes.
The Owners of the Grove Fever Hospital have kindly taken in any suitable infectious case that has occurred within the district.

Mental Deficiency.

There is an Institution in Winslow for Mental Defectives, 40 beds are provided, 33 for Females and 7 for Men.

All cases are feeble-minded and of low grade.

Prevalence of and control over, Infectious and other Diseases.

During the year 10 cases were reported.

No use of the Schick and Dick Tests for Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever respectively have been made.

No action has been taken to provide Measles serum for prophylaxis or attenuation.

Antitoxin for the treatment of Diphtheria is provided by the Local Health Authority.

No Vaccinations were performed by the Medical Officer of Health under the Public Health under the Public Health (Small Pox Prevention) Regulations, 1917.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1937.

				Total Cases.	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	2	2	None
Diphtheria	...	...	...	2	—	None
Pneumonia	...	...	...	6	—	Two

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1937.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
0								
1								
5								
15	1							
25	1				1			
35					1		1	
45							1	
55								
65 upwards								
Total	2				2		2	

Analysis of Total Deaths under Age Groups.

Diseases.	Under 1 year	1 to 2	2—3	3—4	4—5	5—10	10—15	15—20	20—35	35—45	45—65	65 and up- wards
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System									2			
Tuberculosis Non-Respiratory ...									1	1		
Cancer and Malignany ...											2	12
Cerebral Hæmorrhage ...											2	7
Heart Disease ...	1									1	2	16
Bronchitis ...												2
Pneumonia ...											2	
Influenza ...										1	2	7
Acute and Chronic Nephritis ...												1
Diabetes ...											1	
Digestive Diseases ...											3	3
Liver Diseases ...											1	1
Peptic Ulcer ...										1		
Congenital Debility ...	1											
Suicide ...								1	1			
Senility ...												14
Other Causes Defined ...	1					1					1	4

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ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

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Winslow, Bucks.
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CHAIRMAN, AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

I herewith submit my Annual Report on Sanitary and Housing Matters of the District for the year 1937.

Water Supplies.

During the year all the supplies and services have been maintained throughout the district without any other assistance.

Various repairs have been carried out to pumps in the following Parishes, Newton Longville, Nash, Winslow, Claydon, Great Horwood, and Little Horwood.

At present the supplies throughout the district are derived from wells for drinking purposes, there are however a considerable number of houses which have arrangements for collecting and storage of rainwater either in underground tanks or elevated tanks from which a supply is laid on to the sanitary fittings, coppers, etc., being used for domestic purposes.

I feel sure that the present arrangements will meet all the requirements until the County Council Water Scheme is completed.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

In the Parishes of Winslow, Mursley, and the Southern part of Stewkley, and the major part of Great Horwood have sewers and drains, also sewage disposal works, which have worked satisfactory.

All septic and settling tanks throughout the district have been cleaned out.

Newton Longville.

A scheme for the proper sewerage and sewage disposal works for this parish, which has been approved by the Ministry of Health and advertised for tenders, the successful contractor could not carry out the work on account of the long lapse of time in settling the land and wayleaves charges.

North Marston, Drayton Parslow, and the North End of Stewkley.

Messrs. D. Balfour and Sons, Engineers of Westminster, have rendered their report of the proper sewerage and sewage disposal works in these Parishes, and have been instructed to prepare the full schemes complete for the Parishes but up to date have not submitted the final details.

Conversions.

During the year the following privies or pan closets have been converted into water closets.

Stewkley 3.	Winslow 6.
Mursley 1.	Great Horwood 1.

Scavenging.

The scavenging of the main roads in the Parish of Winslow is carried out by the Council's workmen, this work includes the sweeping of the streets two days per week, also the cleaning out of the catchpits when required.

Refuse Collection.

In the Parish of Winslow the Collection of house refuse is also carried out by the Council and a weekly collection is made.

The refuse is deposited by dumping in a controlled manner, all paper being burnt, the refuse being levelled at the end of each day's collection and covered by ashes and street sweepings, fine earth.

Meat and Foods.

There are 12 slaughter-houses on the register which have been properly limewashed at the proper periods and generally keep in good order.

129 visits have been made during the year, and 701 carcasses examined, food in preparation have been examined on 108 occasions.

No meat has been seized as unfit for human consumption, and no occasions have arisen for the service of notices.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed					
Number examined	136	42	11	359	153
All diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcasses condemned	None	None	None	None	None
Carcases of which some part or organs was condemned	None	None	None	None	None
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis ...					
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcasses condemned	None	None	None	None	None
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	None	None	None	None	None
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis					

Factories and Workshops and Bakehouses.

These places are periodically visited and in most instances the regulations were carried out, two cases were reported by H.M. Inspector of Factories which were compiled with.

There are 14 Factories and Workshops to which 93 visits were made, and also 19 bake-houses in the district to which 134 visits were made.

Milk and Dairies Order 1926, and Milk (Special Designations) Order 1936

Visits have been made to the Cowsheds and Dairies throughout the area and generally found to comply with the Orders and regulations.

During the year Four existing Cowsheds have been reconstructed on modern lines and provided with proper floors, ventilation and light and drainage.

Two new cowsheds have been built and three Small Holdings within the area during the year.

Periodical limewashing has been well observed throughout the district.

There are 202 cowkeepers on the register and 21 retail purveyors of milk, and the number of inspections made is 168.

The taking of samples of milk for bacterial contents and for tubercle bacilli is operated by the County Council Officers.

Shop Act 1934.

Inspections have been made under this act within the area and in all cases there has been no contriventions of the Act.

Smoke Abatement.

I regret to have to state that there are no Factories within the area where this work is necessary, being a farming area.

Pollution of Rivers and Streams.

General inspections have been made at regular periods to check the pollution of rivers and streams within the area and is generally satisfactory.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

I regret to have to state that none of these places are within this area.

Buildings Erected.

Drayton Parslow.	Detached House.	Stewkley.	Pair of Cottages.
Dunton.	Two Cottages.		Detached House.
Grandborough.	Two Cottages.		New White Horse Inn.
Little Horwood.	Portable Buildings.		Additions to Heywood House.
Mursley.	Detached House.	Swanbourne.	Additions to School.
Nash.	Detached House.		Additions to Reading Room.
Newton Longville.	Workmen's Canteen.	Whaddon.	Village Hall.
	Three Cottages.		Detached House.
	Garages at the Brick Works.	Winslow.	Garage.
	New Offices ditto.		Pair of Cottages.
	Bungalow.		Pair of Detached Houses.
	Farm Buildings.		Addition to Blake House.

Petroleum Acts.

Numerous visits have been made with regard to the storage of Petrol and Carbide of Calcium, all licences have been renewed.

Rats and Mice Act, 1935.

No complaints have been received during the year. The tips throughout the district have been inspected and 85 rats killed.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Act.

During the year 6 houses have been erected under this Act.

Infectious Diseases.

There has only been two cases of Diphtheria and two cases of Scarlet Fever in the district during the year, and upon receipt of the Notification from the Medical Officer of Health the cases have been investigated and the houses disinfected at once.

The number of rooms disinfected by spraying and fumigation was 9.

Reports under the Sanitary Officers Order.

Inspections made for all purposes	...	...	...	3413
Complaints received	...	...	...	2
Defects and nuisances found	...	...	...	35
Nuisances abated	...	...	...	35
Statutory notices served	...	...	...	1
Informal notices served	...	...	...	5
New drains laid	...	...	...	3
New Water Closets	...	...	...	32
Privies or pan closets converted into W.C.'s.		...	...	11
New Sinks provided	...	...	...	5
Connections to Sewers	...	...	...	16
Wells cleaned	...	...	...	9
Number of Cowkeepers on Register	...	...	...	202
Number of new registered during the year		...	...	none
Number withdrawn during the year	...	...	...	none
Number of retail Purveyors on register	...	...	...	21

Housing.

1. <i>Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.</i>					
1. (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects, under Public Health and Housing Acts	...	...	...	634
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	1388
2. (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (including under subhead (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidation Regulations 1925	...	...	...	281
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	438
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.					
	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal notices or action by Local Authority or their Officers	...	...	...	18
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.					
(a)—Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936					
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	none
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	...	...	...	none
(a)	By owners	...	...	...	none
(b)	By L. A. in default of owners	...	...	...	none
(b)—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :					
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	none
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	...	...	...	none
(a)	By owners	...	...	...	none
(b)	By L. A. in default of owners	...	...	...	none
(c)—Proceedings under section 11 and 13 of the Housing Acts, 1936					
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of Demolition Order were made	...	...	...	none
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Order	...	...	...	none
(d)—Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.					
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	...	none
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	...	...	none
4. Housing Act 1936 Part, Overcrowding :					
(a)	(I) Number of Dwellings overerowed at the end of the year	...	...	...	17
	(II) Number of familics dwelling therein	...	...	...	17
	(III) Number of persons dwelling therein	...	...	...	102
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	...	...	none
(c)	(I) Number of cases of crowding relieved during the year	...	...	...	17
	(II) Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	...	98
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overerowed after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	..	...	...	none
(c)	Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	...	...	...	none

Houses which have been built for rehousing under the Housing Act, 1930—1935.

Mursley 6.	Drayton Parslow 16.
Shenley Brook End 8.	Little Horwood 4.

Houses which are being in course of crection for rehousing under the Housing Act, 1930—1935.

Whaddon 8.	Newton Longville 10.
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In conclusion I beg to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their kind support and all other Officers for their assistance in the discharge of my duties.

I am,
 / Your obedient servant,
 P. H. AUDSLEY, M.I.M.Cy.E., A.M.I.S.E., C.R.S.I.
 Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.